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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CRITICIZED FOR CHILEAN STAND

REF: COPENHAGEN 2284, 2268, STATE 189354

1. FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN FOUND IT NECESSARY DURING LAST WEEK'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONGRESS TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST POSSIBLE ALLEGATIONS OF BEING SOFT ON JUNTA TAKEOVER IN CHILE. HE TOOK ISSUE WITH RADIO REPORT THAT DENMARK WAS AMONG COUNTRIES WHICH HAD RECOGNIZED NEW REGIME. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, ANDERSEN COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

"AS WRONG AS CAN BE. ON THE CONTRARY WE OPPOSE THE NEW REGIME WITH ALL MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL. THE GOVERNMENT HAD STRONGLY DENOUNCED THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT GAINED POWER. WE HAVE CANCELLED LOAN

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AGREEMENT OF 35 MILL. KRONER TO CHILE, WHICH WAS READY

TO BE SIGNED, AND I HAVE CANCELLED MY TRIP TO SANTIAGO PLANNED FOR MARCH NEXT YEAR.

"BUT WE HAVE NOT BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRY CHILE, WHICH IS A QUITE NORMAL PROCEDURE IN SUCH A CASE.

"WE RECOGNIZE NATURALLY THAT THE COUNTRY EXISTS AND WE MAINTAIN FORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE ACTUAL RULERS OF THE COUNTRY, EVEN IF WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SYMPATHY FOR THEM. BUT THIS DOES NOT AMOUNT TO ANY SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE COUP REGIME."

2. CONSERVATIVE DAILY "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE" HAS NOW CRITICIZED ANDERSEN FOR BEING "TWO TONGUED" IN HIS ATTEMPT TO DENOUNCE JUNTA WITHOUT BREAKING RELATIONS. IT PRAISES HIM FOR RECENT INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY REALISTIC POLICY BASING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION ENTIRELY ON DE FACTO GROUNDS, WHICH LED TO RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AND DESIGNATION OF NEW AMBASSADOR TO GREECE, BUT FINDS HIS EXPLANATION OF DANISH POSITION ON CHILE LESS THAN CANDID. NEWSPAPER ALSO DEPLORES GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN BREAKING OFF AID NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE, SAYING THAT DANISH AID HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN NON-POLITICAL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: ANDERSEN'S ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY DENOUNCING ITS TAKEOVER IS, OF COURSE, SELF-CONTRADICTIONARY. IT MAY, HOWEVER, SUFFICE TO GET HIM THROUGH IMMEDIATE FUTURE WHILE WAITING FOR CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS TO GET OFF THE FRONT PAGE. MEANWHILE HE CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE BRICKBATS FROM ALL THOSE WHO WANT HIM TO FOLLOW EXCLUSIVELY ONE POLICY OR THE OTHER.
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